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Executive Director Sought for Virginia's Wounded Warrior Initiative

RICHMOND—The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is seeking an Executive Director for Virginia's Wounded Warrior Initiative. The Director will manage and promote an active partnership among state, federal and community agencies to improve access by Virginia's veterans and their family members to behavioral health and rehabilitative services and support.

Other responsibilities include managing the Wounded Warrior Program Office, three regional office directors, and directing a statewide program to monitor and coordinate mental health and rehabilitative services support for Virginia veterans and members of the Virginia National Guard and Virginia residents in the Armed Forces Reserves not in active federal service. The Executive Director will ensure that services are available to support family members affected by covered military members' service and deployments.

The purpose of the Wounded Warrior Program is to ensure that adequate and timely assessment, treatment, and support are available to veterans, service members, and affected family members. The Executive Director and his or her staff will facilitate support for covered individuals to provide timely assessment and treatment for stress related injuries and traumatic brain injuries resulting from service in combat areas and, subject to the availability of public and private funds appropriated the program, will provide case management services, outpatient, family support, and other appropriate behavioral health and brain injury services necessary to provide individual services and support to military service members and their family members.

At a minimum, candidates must demonstrate the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- Ability to successfully interact with federal and state-level executives and legislators as well as professional and medical officials at the federal, state and local levels to ensure timely access to treatment by veterans and their families.
- Ability to participate in and report to all Executive Branch boards and commissions addressing the needs of veterans and their families, as appropriate, and as designated by the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services.
- Ability to analyze statistical and narrative information, to utilize evidence-based analytical tools, display trends and prepare conclusions and recommendations based on those findings.

- Ability to utilize the results of information gathered to develop program strategies and implement solutions.
- Ability to intuitively and analytically grasp and prioritize complex needs of veterans, service members and their families and implement solutions in a dynamic and changing environment to create public, private and governmental support for addressing unmet needs. Comprehensive knowledge of state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to veterans, service members and their families.
- Knowledge of Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and civilian and public medical and behavioral healthcare services systems.
- Knowledge of case management principles and coordination of care.
- knowledge of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the business agreements necessary to protect patient privacy and sharing of patient information.
- Knowledge of processes for developing and managing program budgets, contracts, soliciting and distributing grants, and related fiscal and planning processes.
- Knowledge and understanding of military and veterans issues and terminology, including Reserve and National Guard components.
- Ability to compose, organize and produce a variety of complex informational materials to be used for executive and legislative branch briefings, reports and public relations events.
- Ability to present ideas and concepts in an effective manner either orally or in writing.
- Any combination of education and job experience that leads to the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above. Prefer education in healthcare administration, medicine, psychiatry, or psychology and experience in USDVA-Veterans Healthcare Administration (VHA) or U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) settings.

Preference will be given to veterans provided they meet all the state requirements. Salaries for current state employees will be determined according to the state compensation policy.

To obtain a copy of the complete position, description send an e-mail to Stephanie.palmer@dvs.virginia.gov.

On-line applications only will be accepted for this position until 5:00pm Friday, May 23, 2008.

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